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Docket No. 8895

Application of:

Xi Shen et al.

Group Art Unit: 3623

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Examiner: Kalyan K. Deshpande

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For: A RETENTION MODELING METHODOLOGY FOR AIRLINES

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RESPONSE

Restriction of Invention

The following election is made in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2006, wherein the Examiner required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1, 3-8 and 16-21, drawn to a method for developing a customer retention model, classified in class 705, subclass 8.
- II. Claims 16-21, drawn to a method for applying a customer retention model, classified in class 705, subclass 8.

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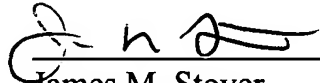
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The restriction requirement states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as combination and subcombination, and that the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Group II is elected and claims 16 through 21 are submitted to be examinable with the elected Group.

Respectfully submitted,


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